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- MRS. MARCOS FOR DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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1. THE 160 KBL PARTY MEMBERS IN THE INTERIM LEGISLATURE CAUCUSED AUGUST 8 AND PASSED A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSING MRS. MARCOS FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. (PRESIDENT/PRIME MINISTER MARCOS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 3 THAT THE AS-YET-UNNAMED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WOULD BECOME TEMPORARY PRIME MINISTER UNDER A NEW SUCCESSION DECREE IN THE EVENT OF HIS DEATH OR INCAPACITY (MANILA 13457). MARCOS SAID AT THE TIME THAT HE WANTED TO OBTAIN A CONCENSUS OF THE KBL BEFORE FILLING THE POST.) A DELEGATION IS TO DELIVER THE RESOLUTION TO MARCOS AUGUST 9.

2. DURING THE CAUCUS DEBATE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THREE RESPECTED FORMER SENATORS RAISED OBJECTIONS BEFORE FINALLY SIGNING THE RESOLUTION. ARTURO TOLENTINO SAID THE RESOLUTION WAS NOT IN KEEPING WITH MARCOS' PUBLIC STATE-MENTS ON THE "VICIOUSNESS OF NEPOTISM AND EXCESSES OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES," CAUTIONED AGAINST "THE ILL EFFECTS
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OF SUCH AN APPOINTMENT ABROAD AND AMONG THE COMMON PEOPLE," AND SUGGESTED THAT A NATIONWIDE REFERENDUM WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. EMMANUEL PELAEZ ASKED THAT ASSEMBLYMEN BE ALLOWED TO CONSULT THEIR CONSTITUENTS BEFORE SIGNING THE RESOLUTION. SALVADOR LAUREL SUGGESTED THAT THE KBL'S PREFERENCE BE RELAYED TO THE PRESIDENT ORALLY RATHER THAN IN WRITING.

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3. THE ONLY PRESS COMMENT THUS FAR IS BY "DAILY EXPRESS" COLUMNIST VALENCIA, WHO APPEARS LUKEWARM TO THE IDEA: "THE MOST SOLID ARGUMENT FOR ENDORSING MRS. IMELDA R. MARCOS...IS THAT THE APPOINTMENT WILL NOT CREATE ANY TENSIONS OR SUSPICIONS WHILE THE PRESIDENT REMAINS HEALTHY AND ABLE. THIS WILL MAKE FOR STABILITY AND PEACE OF MIND FOR EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT. ...ANYHOW, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WILL ONLY SUCCEED THE PRIME MINISTER TEMPORARILY IN ANY EVENT -- THE BP STILL HAS THE POWER AND THE DUTY TO ELECT THE REAL SUCCESSOR." MURPHY

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